

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL O HUNGARIAN PARTICIPANTS FROM 4-H EX-  
CHANGE

REF: BUDAPEST 1580

1. HUNGARIAN EMBASSY HAS TOLD US PERIODICALLY THAT THE  
HUNGARIAN 4-H VISITORS ARE NOT GAINING USEFUL EXPERIENCE  
IN THEIR US PROGRAM. THE MAJOR COMPLAINT IS THAT THEY  
ARE WORKING "AS FARM HANDS" ON SMALL FAMILY FARMS AND  
ARE UNABLE TO HAVE LEARNING EXPERIENCES APPROPRIATE FOR  
ADVANCED STUDENTS IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE.

2. RECENTLY THE GOH DECIDED TO DISCONTINUE SENDING HUN-  
GARIAN VISITORS UNDER THE PROGRAM, BUT HUNGARIANS WILL  
RECEIVE US VISITORS FOR SUMMER AND FALL. IN THIS CON-  
NECTION PRESSLEY OF 4-H HAS ASKED US TO APPRIZE YOU OF  
HIS APRIL 13 CABLE TO DR. GYORGY PETHO. TEXT BEGINS:  
"NEMETH INFORMED US YESTERDAY OF THE DECISION TO TERMI-  
NATE CURRENT HUNGARIAN GROUP. PLANNING FINAL TOUR TO  
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BEGAN MAY 15 AS REQUESTED. WE REQUEST YOU RECONSIDER AND  
PERMIT TRAINEES WHO DESIRE TO REMAIN IN US TO COMPLETE  
THEIR PROGRAMMING. APPROXIMATELY 8 TRAINEES AND HOSTS  
ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE. AS PART OF EUROPEAN TRIP SCHEDULED

EARLY MAY REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE FOR ME TO VISIT HUNGARY  
MAY 8 AND 9 TO DISCUSS PROGRAMMING. EXPECT 10 TO 15 AMERI-

CANS TO VISIT HUNGARY JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER LETTER FOLLOWS." REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN CONVINCING GOH TO ALLOW TRAINEES WISHING TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN FOR COMPLETION OF SCHEDULED STAY. END TEXT.

3. PRESSLEY ASKS EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN CONVINCING GOH TO ALLOW SEVEN-EIGHT HUNGARIAN TRAINEES WISHING TO CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN THE US FOR COMPLETION OF THEIR SCHEDULED STAY.

4. ON APRIL 17 AMBASSADOR ESZTERGALYOS EXPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR KAISER THAT THE GOH REMAINS INTERESTED IN HAVING HUNGARIAN AGRICULTURAL TRAINEES IN THE UNITED STATES AND WILL SEEK TO WORK OUT A MORE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENT WITH SOME AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES OR INSTITUTIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT BUDAPEST HAD ENTERED INTO THE 4-H ARRANGEMENT TOO HURRIEDLY AND WITHOUT SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPECIFICS OF THE PROGRAM. ONCE IT WAS REALIZED THAT THE PROGRAM DID NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE HUNGARIAN PARTICIPANTS, IT WAS BEST TO BE CANDID, ADMIT THAT IT WAS NOT WORKING FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE AND TERMINATE THE HUNGARIAN VISITS.

5. PRESSLEY CONFIRMS DATES OF VISIT TO HUNGARY ARE MAY 7-10 AND WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY. HE DOES WISH ASSISTANCE WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS. CHRISTOPHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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